

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for coloring hair to a red shade which comprises contacting said hair with an [[An]] aqueous hair dye composition comprising a mixture of:

- (A) from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of the composition of a non-nitrogenous chelating agent selected from the group consisting of polyphosphates, phosphonates, hydroxycarboxylates, polyacrylates, zeolites and mixtures thereof;
- (B) [[B]] from about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of the composition of an oxidative dye primary intermediate comprising p-aminophenol;  
[[and]]
- (C) from about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of an oxidative dye coupler comprising 4-amino-o-cresol [[.]] ; and
- (D) water.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 1, wherein the non-nitrogenous chelating agent is a chelating agent that lacks an aminocarboxylic acid group or an aminophosphonic acid group.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 2, wherein the chelating agent is a polyphosphate.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 2, wherein the chelating agent is a phosphonate.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 2, wherein the chelating agent is a hydroxycarboxylate.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 2, wherein the chelating agent is a polyacrylate.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 2, wherein the chelating agent is a zeolite.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method [[composition]] in accordance with claim 7, which further comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% of amino containing chelating agents.

Claims 10-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~A hair dye composition~~ A method according to claim 1 [[which]] wherein the composition further comprises a solvent selected from the group consisting of ~~at least one of a group~~ propylene glycol, isopropylene glycol and isopropanol.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~A hair dye composition~~ A method according to claim 1  
[[which]] wherein the composition further comprises a conditioner.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~A hair dye composition~~ A method according to claim 1  
[[which]] wherein the composition further comprises a humectant.

Claims 15-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (new): A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the non-nitrogenous  
chelating agent is sodium triphosphate.